

RANCH CHATTER

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LAKE ELIZABETH RANCH CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

"You, your family and guests are cordially invited to attend Lake Elizabeth Ranch Club's

INAUGURAL DANCE

Saturday evening, November 1, 1947. Masquerade Costume optional. Prize will be awarded for the most original costumes.

This was the invitation mailed to our Members on a penny postcard in the year of our genesis, 1947. Twenty-four years later the very same invitation is being extended, not only to some of the original Members, but to their children and grandchildren.

As for the number of subsequent 'special events' scheduled, there have been over four hundred! Weather conditions have interfered with our programs no more than five or six times in our entire history — a pretty good record even for southern California.

Once the band failed to show for a dance event involving a talent contest, but we were rescued by some of our own young people who had brought their musical instruments for the contest. Boy! Could those kids play! Everyone had a marvelous time and perhaps you'll take less than three guesses to name the winners of the contest.

Occasionally we've wondered how some of our events are overlooked by even the most enthusiastic families. Each quarter the 'Chatter' carries the schedule for all coming activities, but we are constantly told, "Golly! We completely forgot about the dance and Fiesta Days, or the Moonlite Trail parties."

So let's just consider this column a memory jogger to adequately assure a memorable gathering at our upcoming 24th annual Hallowe'en Dance. There will be the usual noisemakers, balloons, costume judging, and awarding of prizes to contestants. Our outstanding orchestra, The Blue Tones, will play up a storm in keeping with the spirit of the occasion!

The date?? Saturday evening, October 30. Come early and stay late.

Russell T. Burnham

DON'T FORGET THE

HALLOWEEN PARTY !!!

OCT. 30th

DANCING and FUN for ALL!!!!

ITEM OF INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Burnham enjoyed a 747 flight to Detroit, Michigan to celebrate the 100th birthday of their Aunt Margaret Bates, occurring October 6, 1971. President Nixon, the Governor and the Mayor of the city, together with the entire baseball team of the city and Mgr. Billy Martin honored this fine lady who was born in the year 1871! In her youth she was the belle of Detroit and in years past visited our Ranch Club.

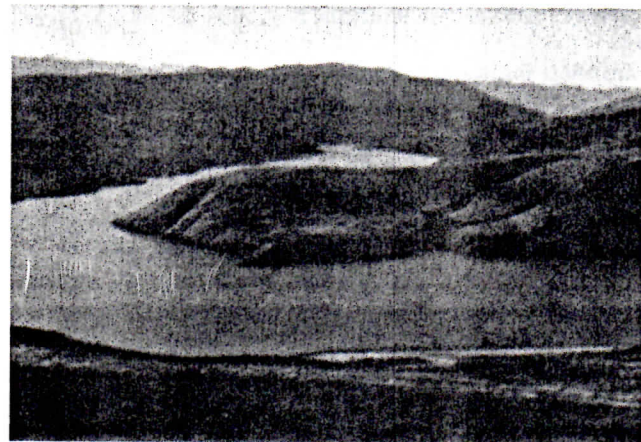


THE HOT LINE

Some of our young members seem not to completely understand the guest privilege extended them by the Club as a result of their parents having been accepted for membership. While we place no particular restriction on the number of times young people may bring the same guest we do expect them not to bring more than one other person for each visit. More on this subject in our Annual issue.

We've said many times that water would be flowing in the Feather River aqueduct in late 1971. And so it came to pass that Governor Reagan pushed a button October 7, 1971. As of this date the East Branch, almost on our northern boundary, is full of beautiful clear water. The next order of business is to assure delivery over the hill to our property. As more information develops it will be passed along to our subscribers.

Somewhat more informative is the editorial written by our long-time member, the publisher of the Ledger Gazette, Mr. W. J. Valentine, reprinted in this issue.



Lake back of Castaic Dam as it appears today. The lake will have 36 miles of shoreline when filled to capacity.

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IT'S TIME TO GET ON WITH BUILDING OUR WATER SYSTEM

By J. W. Valentine, Publisher

When we were signing checks the other day our Ledger-Gazette water bill caught our eye. We took a closer look and discovered some astonishing facts. Water service costs have increased greatly.

In 1966 we paid an average bi-monthly water bill of \$13.50 and a bi-monthly charge of \$15 for our hook-up to the water main for sprinkler system pressure. No water flows, but it is ready at all times.

This year, five years later, billing still bi-monthly, our water service (and use is quite the same) varied between \$32.50 and \$39.46 an average of \$36 and the fire main pressure service is \$19.50.

We also noted that for the last six months we have been charged a flat rate of \$32.50 for water service each two months. With our fire main service this makes water service \$52 bi-monthly.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, Gov. Reagan will preside at a ceremony at the Edmonston Pumping Plant at the foot of the Tehachapi Mountains in the San Joaquin Valley that we have eagerly looked forward to for years. He will push the start button on one 80,000 horsepower electric pump that will start water filling the tube that leads to the Carley Porter Tunnel through the mountains 2000 feet higher up. And when the tunnel is full, water will flow into the Antelope Valley.

Tube and tunnel will not fill in the twinkling of an eye, and when we will see water on this side of the mountains is not exactly certain, but that the system is nearing completion, and that Antelope Valley needs water at the same time is a fortuitous circumstance — and planned that way.

Our rapidly increasing water bills have one factor in them that is not going to decrease, no matter what else happens, and that is pumping water from the underground from ever deeper and deeper wells means higher and higher pumping costs. County Waterworks District 4 has always given Lancaster good water service, but when the wells run dry, there will be no water to pump. And the wells will run dry because there is no water returning to the underground in anything like the volume in which it is being pumped out.

When the water runs out water at any price is not too expensive, if we wish to continue to live here. When the Feather River Project was being planned it was often said that we could not afford to buy the water because it would be too expensive, and people shuddered at rates of \$50 an acre foot.

In 1966 the water we were using at the Ledger-Gazette cost us at the rate of \$82 an acre foot. Today it is costing us at the rate of \$225 an acre foot. And we are not including the costs of fire main pressure service, only for the water we actually use as measured by meter.

Now we don't expect water brought by AVEK from the state water system, purified, and delivered to Waterworks 4 for delivery in turn to us to cost much less than we are paying now. But pumping and delivering well water at \$225 an acre foot must make state system water and its costs look attractive to Waterworks 4.

It looks like the time is upon us to get out those AVEK plans and get on with building the AVEK distribution system, which all agree is the best system for the whole Antelope Valley from California City to Quartz Hill to Lake Los Angeles.



GOLF NEWS by Annie Dutton

Well, the tournament is over and all the computing is finished. Here are the results of this year's tournament. Don Brown is still the Champ. We had four different flights (these were decided on their handicaps). The championship flight won by Don was played at scratch. The President's flight was won by Lloyd Austin. The Vice President's flight was taken by Earl (Scotty) Sinclair. Secretary flight's winner was Tom White. Congratulations to the winners.

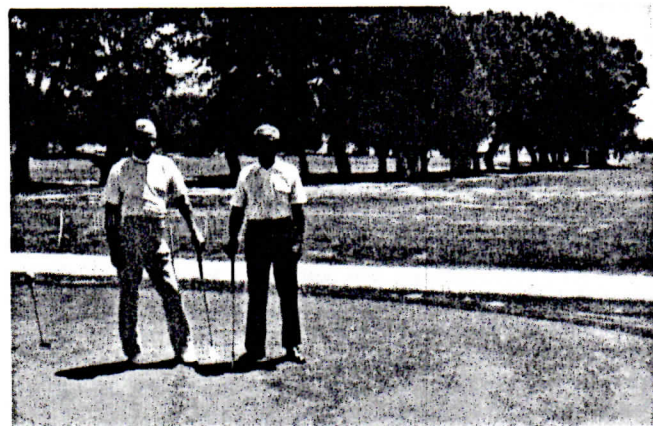
The Mens Club is very fortunate indeed to have such an efficient tournament chairman as Nobby Jost. There was a lot of free time and energy spent in planning it. Thanks a heap Nobby.



Golf Club members enjoying one of their many barbecues.

Hackers is the 23rd of October. Starting time is 3:30 P.M. It's a bring your own steak affair plus crazy hats. It is a tombstone tournament. I wonder if someone found out I'm dead on the golf course.

The woman's tournament for Club Championship is in full swing. The results will not be final for several weeks. At this point it is a very close race for all.



Pro Allen Jones and his assistant Frank Kline inspecting the greens and fairways.

I have it from the horse's mouth that water is the prime concern at the moment for the back nine. There's plenty of aqua for the course we have now but until the time comes that it is plentiful the other nine will have to wait until we can come up with a solution to put in a 12½ inch pipe over the hill from the Feather River project channel.

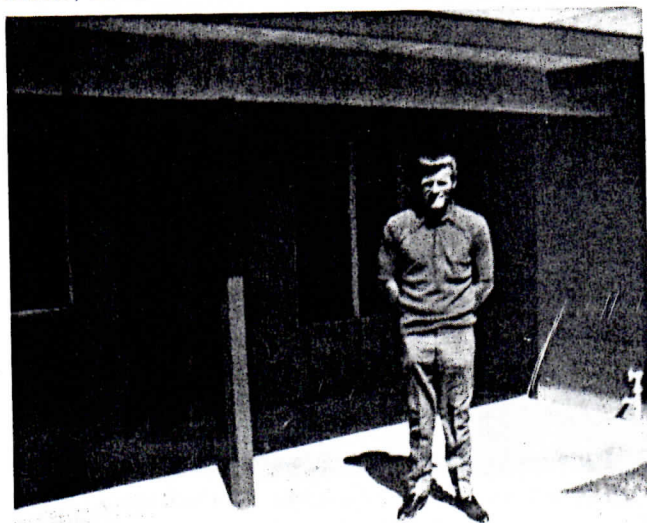
Some of the members are on diets, so I went to the doctor. He told me to live on greens, so that is why I play golf.

See you around
Annie Dutton



BUILDING NEWS by Bert Koch

Rancho Sierra Construction Co., Inc. of Lake Elizabeth takes great pleasure in introducing their new building contractor, Lewis Loveland.



Lewis Loveland stands proudly in front of one of his model homes, now ready for members' viewing.

With Mr. Loveland's years of experience and knowledge of modern methods of construction, which are more feasible in design, we can build for our members their Lodge at the Club. This will allow them to fill their needs and desires at less cost than in the past.

We offer a newly designed WEEK-ENDER, with three distinct advantages:

(a) Personal enjoyment; (b) Financial, income and tax shelter; and (c) Retirement with easy conversion capabilities to a larger home for future comfort and security. For \$12,400.00 complete on a level lot, you may have 750 sq. ft., plus a large 20 x 25 garage. By using a truss designed roof and ceiling, all interwalls can be changed at any time with very little cost. By moving three walls and converting the garage, you would have a three-bedroom, 1,250 sq. ft. lodge; a beautiful home.

Larger 2 and 3 bedroom models are also available at reasonable cost. For those with their own ideas, or on an unusual lot, our architectural service can design a custom building to fulfill your dream.

Financing is available at reasonable rates right now. How long this favorable condition will remain is anyone's guess. We recommend building now.

For more information call the Glendale office, (213) 241-5179 during the day or 244-3270 evenings.

RESORT & LAKES REALTY (Club Owned)

Offers 3 and 4 bedroom lodges built by Loveland Construction. 3 model homes completed now and available to move in. They are beautiful and well-built. Financing is available.

Inquire at the Glendale Office or the Resort & Lake Office at the Club entrance, opposite the Pro Shop.



THE PARTY LINE, "MANN"ed by Jean

MID JULY

Saturday, the 17th — Midsummer Dance and Bar-B-Que.

Another nice dance and dinner at the club. The weather is perfect and my favorite, The Gold Coast Four, are in their usual good tune. This is a nice dance, and a break in the middle of summer, next year try and make it up for the "Super" dinner prepared by our smiling cook, Ollie Bradley.

We are sorry to report the death of one of our long time employees and friend to all, Paul Shulz. Several of our members and friends of Paul chipped in and paid our respects with a floral arrangement, and the new evergreen on the front lawn was planted in memory of Paul. It is to have a brass plaque also. May God Bless.

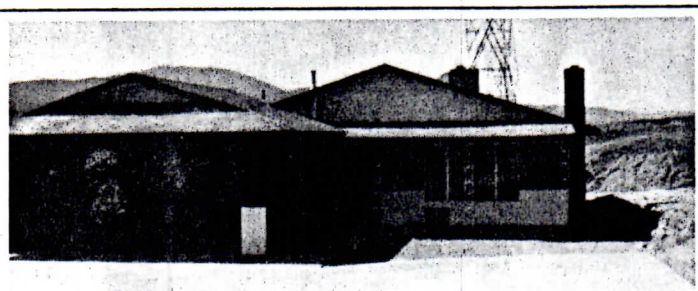
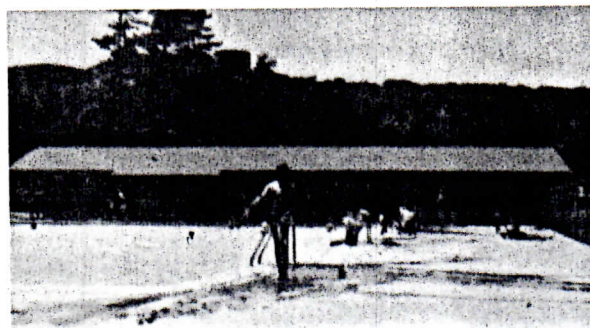
They pulled a sneaky on Ollie, some of the local residents, and Lancaster people too, had a surprise Pot Luck at the Ranch Club, decorated cake and all. They let Barney Ross celebrate his birthday, too.

This is "Travel to Europe" year for some of our lucky members. Betty and Elmer Anderson are spending a few months visiting in Sweden. Cecil and Marge Godward, and Neil and LaVerne Christenson are traveling together, and are going to meet Betty and Elmer and have a personal guided tour of parts of Sweden. Being a "Svenska Flicka" myself, wish I could go along.

Doug Morgan, our Square Dance Caller and his wife, Pat, have welcomed a new little boy, Chad Allen, weighing in a 9 lbs. 2 oz. Doug calls for our dances every Sunday afternoon 2 to 5 p.m. — Hayride nights and every 4th Saturday, except in October, which is the Square Dance Round Up. Come on up and meet our Texas drawling caller. I think you'll enjoy his style of calling.

AUGUST

It is full steam ahead here at the Ranch, weather is perfect for swimming, horse back riding, golfing, boating or just relaxing under a tree on the back lawn. I think this is called "Lazy Summer".



Hayride night was perfect. Cotton Henry was a pickin' and singin' at the camp fire ring. He has been a performer with "The Sons of the Pioneers" and we really enjoy listening and also joining him in a song or two.

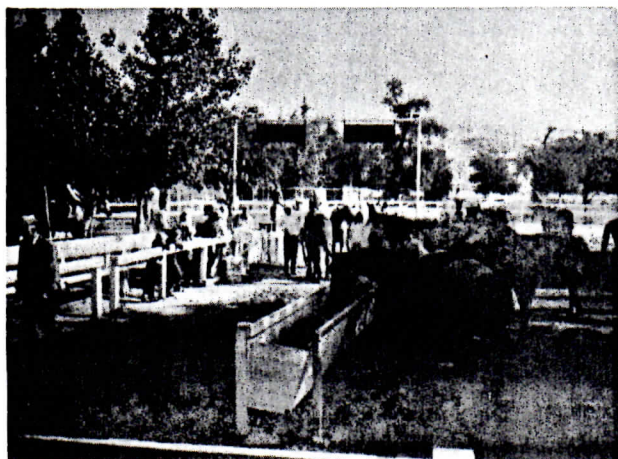
Next on the schedule of events was the Fiesta Day. Everyone had a good time. Our representatives, Carrell Jones and Gene Hamen had charge of the races for the youngsters, and they came up with some good ones. The Bar-B-Que was delicious, as always — Ollie makes her own sauce, and it is good, good, good. I hope you have had a chance to taste her home made pies, she has a hard time baking enough to supply the demand.

SEPTEMBER

Can summer be over already? Seems like we just got started. This weekend started with a Fish Fry and Bingo game. Have you been up for this fun night? Ollie prepares a buffet with fish and always a meat dish and salads of course. This is all you can eat. Next comes the Bingo game at 7:30, bring a dollar gift for each of you, kids over 16 can play too, pack your gift in a paper sack. Regular Bingo is played until all gifts have been won, then comes the fun part, "cut throat" . . . You can help yourself to anyone's loot, if you Bingo, of course, and not feel bad, because they just might steal it right back.



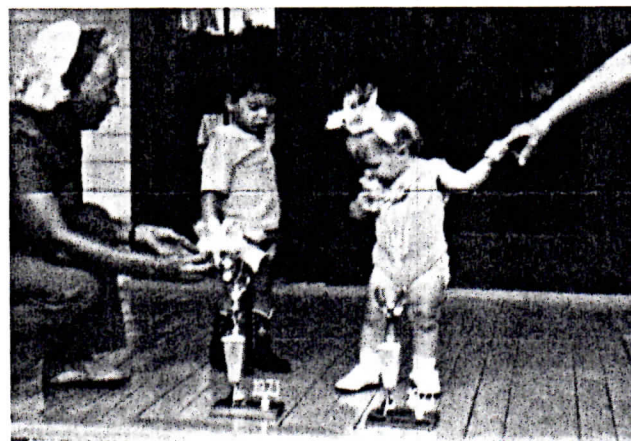
Saturday was the last Trail Ride, the weather is on the cool side, but let's have one last good ride, and we did. How come hot dogs taste so marvelous cooked over an open fire? Doug was out helping Cotton get the riders in a singing mood. We also had quite a family group joining in. Mike Durante's family and friends including Nellie Marten, Norma, John and Johnnie Amstutz with a couple of added guitars and some close harmony really added to the night. Don't know who had more fun, the performers or the audience.



Trail's End!



Queen Cheryl Mobler, Miss Lake Elizabeth 1971.



Master and Miss Wading Pool 1971; Jared DeFillippo and Deana Gordon.

Just like we were saying good-bye to summer and really we were because Labor Day we had rain, did I say RAIN? Yes, so for the first time in our history our selection of Miss Lake Elizabeth had to be held in the main hall. Ti Pecaut, Betsy Ross, and Dr. Mohler were the judges for Miss and Master Wading Pool. We have some darling young people in our membership. The members finally decided Deana Gordon, daughter of Ed and Rita Gordon, and granddaughter of Ethel and Les Biehle was to be crowned Miss Wading Pool. Jared DeFillippo, son of Fred and Jacque DeFillippo, and grandson of Bob and Mo Kane was chosen Master Wading Pool. Then Dr. Mohler gave up his judges chair for our popular wrangler, Barney Ross, as Cheryl Mohler was one of the contestants, good thing too, as Cheryl was chosen as Miss Lake Elizabeth. She had some real good competition. We have some beauties. Cheryl's parents, Chuck and Imogene Mohler are charter members at the club, and own a home here. Cheryl has been working in the snack bar part of the summer, and is now back in College, but hates to leave the Ranch. One nice gal, and a wonderful representative for the title of Miss Lake Elizabeth. Congrats to you all, Deana, Jared and Cheryl.

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Quite a group of our young people living at the club, or near by, ended their vacation with a camping trip to the Kern River. Audrey Martin and Don Oliver were chaperones and the kids had a ball. Everything went fine until it was time to leave and Don's back went out on him and he couldn't leave until a chiropractor could come to the river and straighten him out.



The Golf Championships have started for both the Men's and Women's Clubs and there is much activity on the course. By press time we know Don Brown is the Men's Champion for the second year. Yea, Don.

The fourth Saturday of each month is Square Dance night and with "Ducks" Geison filling in for Doug, we had a fun night with a couple of squares from Midway City in Orange County, called the Uniques. They all enjoyed the buffet and dancing.

Hey, did you see all the old time cars buzzing around the Ranch? They are friends of Clyde Jensen, who was having a house warming. His new home is finished and they helped warm it. We are also welcoming Cleo and Jim Price as permanent residents. Both have retired from their jobs and plan to fish, and fish, and fish.

Talk about buzzing, you must have noticed the little red plane flying around. That's Jeff Coonrod of Palmdale. He's been taking all the regulars at the Ranch for a ride, just ask Marie, our glamour gal waitress how she enjoyed her ride, or ask Lee Bradley how things look from way up there. When's my turn, Jeff?

One of our young people, Linda Hodges, daughter of Glenn and Betty Hodges, who also are home owners here at the club, has left to be a missionary in the Philippines for the Mormon Church. What a wonderful experience for her. Good Luck to you, Linda.

Have you donated any old jewelry yet? Jeanette Babbit, one of our members from Lancaster wants to make a jewelry Christmas Tree picture for the dining room for the Holiday Season, and she needs your old, unused or even broken jewels, (anything except plastic) to fill her tree. I've seen a few she has made and they are really beautiful. So, hunt through your jewelry boxes and bring your tired stuff up to the club. There is a box on the front desk for your contributions.

They, meaning the local group, had one whing-ding of a birthday and anniversary celebration. It was a pot luck picnic to celebrate the birthdays of Betsy Ross, Maurice Pecaut, Loraine Dillengbeck, Elmer Dutton and Phil White. It was also the anniversary of Annie and Elmer Dutton. They had planned to have it at the Ranch Club, but the weather turned cold and Dale and Mary Schmudlack played host and hostess. Sounds like a good time was had by all.

That brings us just about up to date on what has been going on at the Ranch. Next big event is the Halloween Party, and this is always a big one. Prizes for the best costumes. Bring the kids, have a buffet dinner and watch out for the spooks. Hope to see you there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gentlemen:

I received notice that my dues as a member of the club will be due October 1, 1971.

We have recently moved to Fayetteville, Georgia and have taken up Citizenship here and expect to remain in Georgia.

I wish to express my thanks to all of you of the club and will miss the kindness of all of you, and will miss the Good Fishing that I so enjoyed the past year.

I wish the Club all of the success that I know in my heart it deserves.

Sincerely,
Felton O. Ransom & Wife

Dear Gentlemen:

Our outing at the Ranch Club last Saturday was a huge success.

Everyone in our group thoroughly enjoyed the day. The recreational facilities were very enjoyable.

Everyone in our group wishes to express their thanks for the opportunity to spend such an enjoyable day. The dinner was delicious and very attractively served.

Sincerely yours,
Paul R. Kinney

Sirs:

Enclosed check #790 for (\$10.00) ten dollars, sustaining membership dues to October 2, 1972.

One of these days we hope to be able to return to California and visit you all again.

Sincerely,
Anne & Ed Collins



Aerial view of our beautiful Lake Elizabeth.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 30th

HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE

The Halloween Dance is one of the favorite events of the year. We'll have trophies for the best costumes and a good band playing for your dancing enjoyment from 8:00 to Midnight. It would be a good idea to reserve a lodge for the evening and really make a night of it!

November 20th

HARVEST MOON DANCE

This is the formal Dance of the year. We've scheduled a fine dance band and will have our Annual Waltz Contest with trophies being awarded to the winners.

November 25th

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day has traditionally been a Day of Feast in the company of good friends . . . Where else could you find a nicer group of friends than at the Club? The chef is already placing her orders for the finest turkeys to be found in Southern California. Don't fight the cooking problem at home — bring Mom to the Club and let her enjoy the Holiday, too.

Dinner is served from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 p.m., or until the last tummy is filled!

December 18th

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This is a wonderful event to bring the children to. After a full day of fun, we pass out the song sheets at 7:00 p.m. and gather around the piano for some old-fashioned carol singing. Santa Claus shows up at about 9:00 to talk to the children and pass out some fruit and candy. For the parents, we'll have coffee, punch and cookies being served in the Dining Room.

December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Ring out the Old and Ring in the New at Lake Elizabeth! Yes! the whole gang will be at the Club celebrating New Year's Eve with Hats, Balloons, Noisemakers and Good Cheer. We'll sing Auld Lang Syne at Midnight and dance our way into 1972. All the fun starts at 8:00. Be there!!